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My Dear Floide & Lanny

I rec'd your letter my dear niece with much gratification - and am glad you thought enough of me to write to me - But I am truly grieved to hear of Lanny's ~~bad~~ health - and of his being compelled to keep quiet - What a setting spell the poor rats will have now! The crows can now lay their eggs in quiet - and the Gophers make their nests in the low trees with impunity - The barn will no more resound with the warwhoop - and the cry of the hyena and Jackall will be unheard! Now is the time to have how good a sister you are - by reading to him and ~~amusing~~ ^{entertaining} him - while at the same time you may instruct both him and yourself - I hope you will soon write me again - and let me know all about the chickens and turkeys &c &c

I have hardly time to say more to you now - though I want to write a long letter - your aunt is well and sends you and Lanny much love - to which I beg leave to add my own - The next time I hear from you - I hope to hear that Lanny is about again - and that the rats are again suffering -

Yours very affectionately
Chas. F. Coleman

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